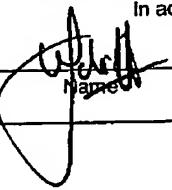


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated April 21, 2005, for which a response is due July 21, 2005. A Petition for a time extension and a Notice of Appeal were filed on September 20, 2005. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Careful consideration has been given to the analysis made by the Examiner in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.